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#### Is It A Joke?

Junction City Union: "The ghastly story comes from Dickinson County that V. P. Wilson is endeavoring to find some one to bring him out for Congress. He is getting tired trying to beat Anderson with some one else all the time."

### A Cold Day.

A severe storm, accompanied by a blizzard, swept over New England last fight. Monday. The election of a tariff reform Speaker is supposed to have caused this storm. It is usually a cold day when New England gets left.

#### Isn't She A Daisy.

The REFLECTOR is sent to its subscribers now as a seven column quarto, the largest paper in the county and one of the largest in the State. Its managers are determined to merit the favor step in this direction. Look at it, adscribe for it.

#### Soldiers Home in Kansas.

The movement for the establishment of a Soldier's Home in Kansas has become gigantic in proportions. Blank petitions were sent to the various posts of the Grand Army in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Missouri, Indian Territory, and Arkansas, asking Congress to establish a Soldier's Home in Kansas, and they are to be placed in the hands of the Kansas congressional delegation. It is estimated there will be 12,000 signatures from the state of Kansas alone.

# Liquor Licenses.

The statistical tables issued by the commissioner of internal revenue for the the number of wholesale and retail liquor licenses issued by the government in the several states: The question: Does pro-hibition prohibit? is answered so far as it relates to New England states as follows: In Maine the increase over 1882 of retail liquor licenses was 137; in Vermont, 27; in New Hampshire, 116; and in Rhode Island, 14. In Maine during the last fiscal year there were ten licenses issued to wholesale liquor dealers.

# The President's Message.

President Arthur sent his message to the House on Tuesday. It is oppressively long and contains nothing remarkable. The usual congratulations are extended to the country, and our relations with foreign nations are considered at an unprofitable length. He opposes governmental control of the telegraph, and asks that power be bestowed upon the executive to veto objectionable features of any appropriation bill without killing the entire bill. The message closes by recommending further legislation for the protection of the Negro. The REFLECTOR will contain the message in full next week, when it will be considered at greater length.

# A New Source of Revenue to the City.

Last Wednesday the six saloon keepers of Abilene were arrested under the recently enacted ordinance which declares saloons common nuisances. The cases were brought before 'Squire Clark, and the plea of "not guilty" was entered. The defendants were found guilty by the Court and a fine of \$50 assessed against each. There was no apparent men, and the \$300, were paid into the city treasury. This is probably only the money into the city treasury, and not too moderate nor too high a tax on the liquor traffic. The city authorities seem to be in earnest.

#### Blaine's Idea About the Distribution of the Surplus.

Senator J. G. Blaine, of Maine, in a little manifesto to the people of this great Republic, advocates the distribution of the revenue coming from whisky and tobacco among the various states, the ratio of distribution being based on the population.

Coming from a Maine statesman, this idea has a novelty about it which charms at first sight. For thirty-two years Maine has had a prohibition law which declares the liquor traffic illegal, and for House organized by the democratic cauan equal number of years she has refused to receive a revenue from the sale or manufacture of liquor within her own borders. And right in the face of this home-virtue, as it were, comes the demand for money derived from the liquor traffic in other states! Shades of departed moonshiners! Virtuous Maine, for Maine and Blaine are one, contributing no part of this revenue, is yet wilnment from the sin and shame of the people of other States!

If Mr. Blaine's plan should be adopted, prohibition Kansas would receive to Auditor McCabe in these words: "He that she was possessed of refinement yearly about \$2,000,000. The state has performed the duties of his office so taxes of Kansas would be paid by Ken- well and with such utter abandonment tucky or some other license liquor state, of tentation or proud feeling, that to go and that which is denounced as a sin

revenue coming from a sister State. hardly deserves serious consideration. It shows to what extent, however, this rapidly growing national surplus alarms distributed among the several states. has conducted himself as a man of abil- hand and mercilessly expose all such im-Reduce the tariff on the necessaries of ity and is deserving to be renomina- positions as the Whiteley Hidden Hand life, and retain the tax on luxuries.

#### Editorial Ends.

Railroad frauds and a tariff reform movement will make Kansas democratic

Railroad Company will pay into the ry the State Government.

Saturday, destroyed the building occu- aging "party blunder." pied by the Evening Journal and the J. B. Jeffery printing company. Loss about \$140,000, well covered by insur- principle in National politics and econ- for job work with us.

The election of Carlisle as Speaker is guage the champion of this principle. said to bring McDonald, of Indiana, and Morrison, of Illinois, before the people as prominent presidential candidates. Either one of them would make a strong

ations were in favor of Randall for Speaker, and the democrats of the House were in favor of Carlisle. That's the port. reason why the latter gentleman was chosen Speaker,

The illumination in the western sky which startled New York City one evening last week, has been meteorologicalwhich the public is bestowing upon the | ly explained, as it were. In the formapaper, and its enlargement and conse- tion of the House of Representatives. quent increase of reading matter is a not a man east of the Alleghenys was chosen to fill an office. To be born in mire it and then come in and sub- the East is no longer a saving qualifica-

> J. Warren Keifer received the empty honor of the nomination for Speaker of the House at the Republican caucus last Saturday night at Washington. Ex-Speaker Kiefer didn't propose to waive his right in this matter, and despite the protestations of his party he demanded and received an endorsement of his course while Speaker of the Forty-Seventh Congress.

The Democratic caucus, Saturday night at Washington, nominated Carlisle for Speaker on the first ballot, the vote standing: "Carlisle, 106; Randall, 53; Cox, 30. There were 188 democrats in the caucus, and Carlisle's nomination was made unanimous. Randall and Cox took their defeat very philosophilast fiscal year show, among other things, cally, and pledged themselves to work for the party. There was a noticeable absence of all bitterness.

> Have our republican friends read that temperate and proof-convincing address from the Virginia democratic state committee? It shows Mahone up in a true life, and we may find room for it next week. Perhaps one or two of our esteemed contemporaries, who have assiduously and even virtuously circulated Mahone's terrible story, will have manhood enough to publish the defense. The bloody shirt is getting altogether too ragged for effective service.

Republican journals, as is the case with the New York Times, should not rail against First Assistant Postmaster General Hatton. He "stands in" with the administration, and is popularly considered a leading member of the coalition, composed of Mahone, Chalmers, Gorham and others, which is to Connecticut.... 6 | Nevada ...... give the solid south to Arthur in the next republican presidential convention. It is all owing to how a republican looks at the solid South whether it seems beautiful to him or not.

Gen. Grant attended a wedding at Philadelphia, and while in the city he casually remarked to a reporter: "New York is certainly republican when the party is undivided, and I don't see anything just now to divide it. It is idle to even hazard a guess at the probable "kicking" on the part of the saloon Republican candidate for President. Ohio is still republican in a presidential beginning of a series of prosecutions year, and Pennsylvania is sure. Therewhich will put a comfortable sum of fore, the outlook for next year's contest is very promising." Gen. Grant's remarks remind us of a lecture we once heard on the thing-in-itself-unknowa-

second ballot; John B. Leedom, of Ohio, was nominated for sergeant-at-arms by acclamation; John G. Wintersmith, of enough for all purposes, but her voice, Texas, was nominated for doorkeeper form and general tone and color were on the first ballot; Lycurgus Dalton, of | not equal to the cast. The character of Indiana, was renominated by acclamation for postmaster, and Rev. John S. Lindsey, pastor of the Episcopal church of Georgetown, D. C., was unanimously nominated Chaplain. Thus was the cus at Washington.

A correspondent to the Kansas City Times from Topeka says that attorneygeneral Johnson, Auditor McCabe and at the hands of the company, the mem-State Treasurer Howe will ask for a Pers of which were all good. Averagre-nomination at the hands of the Republican State Convention. After say- Abilene this season. Saturday evening, ling to accept enough money to run its ing a few good words for Secretary as "Kathleen Mayourneen," Miss Wil-Smith, who wants to be Governor, the correspondent pays a high compliment at home would be a delightful source of back on him now would be a deadener to the republican party. When the imposed upon, as was the case with the The plan is absurdly ridiculous and precedent was established last year, Hidden Hand company. The Whitegiving colored men a recognition, and Mr. E. P. McCabe was nominated for Clay Center; Manhattan and Junction the republican party. To get rid of it without touching the tariff, is the idea that he would be a complete failure, but Emporia and Wichita papers spoke very of that party, wedded as it is to high in this they have been terribly disap- highly of them. The fact of the matter protection, combinations and monopolies. The internal revenue tax on whisky or tobacco must not be repealed or and misgiving, he took hold like a man, press of the state to take this matter in

#### Speaker Carlisle.

The democratic party of this country has reason to congratulate itself on the election of Mr. Carlisle, of Kentucky, North Carolina will levy no state tax as speaker of the Forty-Eighth Connext year. The Western North Carolina gress. He is a man of able parts, possessing a sound judgment, a strong will, Treasury \$600,000, which sum will car- a cultivated, practical mind and a thorough knowledge of parliamentary law and usages. With Carlisle in the chair, A destructive fire in Chicago, last the democrats need not look for a dam-

The election of Mr. Carlisle was also the triumphant expression of a great omy, and the the democratic party thereby declares itself in unequivocal lan-

The election of Mr. Carlisle gives to the democratic party of the country a a living issue. The party's attack on a high and unjust tariff, railroad extortions and the power of monopolies, has not been a mere battle of words. It is The railroads, monopolies and corpor- found to be sincere in its professions, and its unmistakable attitude will inspire confidence and a victorous sup-

With a republican Senate and Executive, it is hardly possible for the democratic House to reduce the present tariff rates at this session. But the election of Speaker Carlisle is an earnest of what will be done when the propitious time

It cannot now be said that the democratic party is Janus-faced and slow in its movements. It is to-day the party of progress; it embraces a living, vital issue-the reduction of the cost of the necessaries of life and the pruning of an extravagant Governmental system. Opposed to this idea of the amelioration of the condition of the people stands the republican party. It is behind the | Messrs. Comstock and Tolen, and neithcar of progress.

democrats, the light is coming nearer of principle over greed and corruption and the buildings are located so as to is only a matter of a few months time.

### The Electoral College.

pretty generally making use of that time-honored privilege of electing the president a year in advance of the election. If the figures of political papers should be correct there would be no use in holding elections, and both parties would enjoy the supreme pleasure of possessing the president. But to be serious, the outlook is very favorable to the democrats. Here is our table: DEMOCRATIC STATES.

Alabama 10	Missouri1
Arkansas 7	New Jersey
Delaware 3	
Florida 4	South Carolina.
Georgia 13	Tennessee1
Indiana 15	Texas1
	West Virginia
Louisiana 8	
Maryland 8	Ohio2
Mississippi 9	-
New York 36	Total23
REPUBLICA	AN STATES.
Illinois 22	Nebraska
Iowa 13	New Hamshire
Kansas 9	

	REPUBLICA	N STATES.
	Illinois	New Hamshire Oregon Pennsylvania 3 Rhode Island
	Minnesota 7   Wisconsin 11	Total14
ij	DOUBTFUL	STATES.
	California 8	

Total.... 20 There are 401 electoral votes and i takes 201 to elect. The democrats can afford to lose New York and yet have the majority. It is almost certain that California, Colorado and Nevada will cast their votes for the democrats as they did for Hancock in 1880. If such happens to be the case the democrats can afford to lose Ohio and Indiana and still have 213 votes-12 more than necessary. And it would be just to put Maine, Massachusetts and Wisconsin in the list of doubtful states. The democrats will carry New York, Ohio and Indiana next year, and will elect the president.

# Amusements.

The "Hidden Hand," by the Whiteley company, drew a large audience to Bonebrake's Opera House last Wednesday evening. The general feeling, at the close of the performaece, was one John B. Clarke, of Missouri, was nom- of disappointment. The "new version" inated for Clerk of the House on the of the play is not so interesting as the old, and the company is not a strong one. Miss Hattie Irving, as Capitola, was vivacious, independent and slangy Wool was well taken in spite of its exaggeration, and Major Warfield was reasonably good. Taking all in all, however, the Whiteley's did not nearly meet the expectations of the audience.

peared at Bonebrake's Opera House last Friday and Saturday evenings before pleased audiences. Miss Matie Williams as the "Little Duchess" was liams as the "Little Duchess" was the charming, original, artistic and decided-less of exceptional interest to everybody, and literary reviews of new books of the highest merit. \$1 per year. The Williams' Dramatic company aping the whole, the Williams' is the best amateur company which has visited liams deepened the favorable impression she had made the night previous, and confirmed the belief of her audience

and a great deal of artistic ability. Manager Bonebrake occupies a hard position. It is his endeavor to secure good troupes for his Opera House, but along with many others he is sometimes ley's came highly recommended; they Emporia and Wichita papers spoke very

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Crawford County has produced a of twelve ears grown together as one. Ten of them are sound corn, and on two no corn grew. The cluster is twentytwo inches in circumference, the center ear is eleven inches long and nine in circumference, and there are a total of over 4,000 grains of corn on the cluster.

The Lawrence Canning Company put up this season 280,000 two-pound cans of tomatoes, 200,000 two pound cans of sweet corn, 25,000 gallon cans of apples and about 50,000 cans of beans and other vegetables and fruits. They intend to double the capacity of their works next year. All of these vegetables are raised in abundance in Dickinson county, and what is to prevent Abilene from having a canning factory?

Junction City Union: The Junction City Provision Company began slaughtering hogs last Saturday, the 24th. About forty hogs were killed. A large number of citizens were present to witness the opening of this new business enterprise. The establishment was built and finished to the most minute detail under the personal supervision of er pains nor expense were spared in mak-The tide is strongly in favor of the ing it as complete and perfect as possi-

ble. Its capacity is 500 hogs daily, and a corresponding number of beeves. and growing brighter, and the triumph | There is storage for 1,500 tons of ice, bring the ice from the Republican river by steam power. About fifty hogs have been slaughtered each day since. Scott buys for them. The company will be-The newspapers of the country are gin packing and shipping immediately, but do not expect for awhile yet to work up to their full capacity.

Why wouldn't a packing house pay J. LANCASTER. in Abilene? It would make an excellent hog market and would do away with the live weight shipping to Kan-

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t	Flour, straight grade
n e	Chickens, per fb 07 Hogs per 100 fb 4.25
t	Cattle per 100lb
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